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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to weak beginning the week. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient to ample for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were tight to fully adequate for the moderate to good demand. Spent hen supplies were adequate to fully adequate for the mostly moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Retail demand was mostly light to at times moderate. Food service movement was slow. Supplies were fully adequate to ample. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was moderate to good for the tight to fully adequate offerings. Schedules were full-time to slightly reduced. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>	<b>IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.</b>	
EXTRA LARGE	88-97	91-94	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
LARGE	87-96	89-92	<b>LARGE</b>	69-78 73
MEDIUM	79-88	81-84	<b>MEDIUM</b>	61-67 63
			<b>SMALL</b>	35-39

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared the previous week's prices. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to barely steady. Demand was reported as light to fair. Supplies were fully adequate to available for trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were adequate for generally normal processing schedules. Light hen offerings were adequate to fully sufficient for a mostly moderate to at least moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	98-112	98-101
LARGE	92-106	97-101
MEDIUM	83-96	87-90

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady to instances weak. Retail demand was light to moderate. Food service movement was mostly light. Supplies were fully adequate to ample. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was moderate to good for the tight to fully adequate offerings. Schedules were full-time to slightly reduced. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	98.5-107	100-103
LARGE	96.5-105	98-101
MEDIUM	86.5-95	88-91

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. The market tone was barely steady beginning the week. Demand was light to at times moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the usually moderate to good demand. Light type fowl were adequate to fully sufficient for the mostly moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	94.25-106	100-103
LARGE	92.25-104	98-101
MEDIUM	79.25-94	87-91

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Extra large, large and medium prices were unchanged when compared to last Friday's values. Trade sentiment was at best steady to mostly barely steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	106-110
LARGE	104-108
MEDIUM	95-99

## MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	95-103	96-98
LARGE	93-101	94-96
MEDIUM	85-93	86-88

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged on all sizes. The Pacific Region inventory was 10% higher than last Monday with California up 18% and OR-WA-UT unchanged. Retail demand was light to instances moderate. Offerings were fully adequate to ample.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged on all sizes. The California inventory was 18% higher than last Monday. Retail demand was light to instances moderate. Offerings were fully adequate to ample. Small benchmark price 105.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	141
EXTRA LARGE	140
LARGE	134
MEDIUM	125

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	219-239	JUMBO	219-519
EXTRA LARGE	209-339	EXTRA LARGE	209-279
LARGE	179-329	LARGE	199-499
MEDIUM	139-309	MEDIUM	179-279

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 11, 2007 will decrease by 3 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 04, 2007 were 197,753 cases which was 10 percent below the prior week and 8 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week	152,758	44,995	197,753
% change from the prior week	-13	+1	-10

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Demand was moderate to good with offerings tight to fully adequate. Schedules were currently full-time to slightly reduced. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	59-62	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	44-51	46-49
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI		

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Sales of dressed product were fair. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-MAY-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-12CENTS/LB.		9.12
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was fair to fairly good for the about adequate to adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was moderate. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-MAY-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.75-12 CENTS/LB.		9.23
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-MAY 07, 2007

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.3	21.2	7.6	10.3	12.3	62.7
	Change	2.0	3.5	0.0	1.1	1.5	15%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.8	46.9	13.7	26.6	43.8	157.8
	Change	2.4	9.4	1.2	4.8	8.8	20%
Large	Curr Wk	36.4	115.2	79.8	111.2	118.7	461.3
	Change	5.0	17.0	1.2	15.0	9.6	12%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.1	44.7	17.7	15.9	28.8	119.2
	Change	3.1	8.0	3.3	0.8	1.5	16%
Small	Curr Wk	5.3	8.6	2.2	4.3	4.0	24.4
	Change	2.7	0.9	0.2	0.4	-1.4	13%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.4	14.9	10.3	10.8	6.3	44.7
	Change	-0.1	-4.8	-0.8	0.3	-0.1	-11%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	15.5	38.2	17.6	25.9	31.9	129.1
	Change	2.0	1.1	4.3	1.0	3.1	10%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	999.2	12%	156
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	204.7	0%	33
Total Shell Egg	1203.9	10%	189

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 156 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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Northeast - CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific - AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**CANADIAN EGGS** QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 23, 2007

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.99	1.96	1.78	1.20

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF APRIL 23, 2007 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.56	1.56	1.40	.80

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 04, 2007

CURRENT LOADS 27.00								FUTURE LOADS 5.50								TOTAL LOADS 32.50	
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	74.50	—	—	77.00	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	96.00	1.75	
GL W J	—	—	—	—	82.00	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	79.00	—	—	—	—	82.95	6.00	
GL W XL	—	—	79.00	82.00	69.88	—	8.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	79.50	2.00	
GL W LG	—	—	63.00	64.00	66.13	—	4.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.25	
GL W MD	—	—	68.00	70.00	61.00	65.00	3.50	NRBS - 48	56.50	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.00	
GL W SM	—	—	50.00	52.00	—	—	1.00										
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	64.00	58.00	60.06	12.00										

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/30/07-05/04/07

CURRENT LOADS 95.25								FUTURE LOADS 72.50								TOTAL LOADS 167.75	
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	74.50	—	75.00	77.20	—	75.00	17.00	GNR W 1	—	81.50	—	—	—	—	6.00		
GL W J	—	—	87.50	89.00	82.00	—	4.00	GL W J	102.00	—	—	—	—	100.00	3.75		
GL W XL	—	85.63	81.86	85.97	71.87	—	55.50	GL W XL	—	79.00	—	—	—	82.74	12.75		
GL W LG	50.00	85.87	63.00	84.73	70.46	70.50	45.50	GL W LG	—	—	—	93.00	—	81.69	11.00		
GL W MD	—	—	68.13	72.00	63.71	65.00	17.00	GL W MD	—	80.67	—	74.83	—	76.56	12.25		
GL W SM	—	—	50.00	51.60	43.14	46.50	6.75	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	53.00	.75		
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	79.00	—	.25	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	91.00	.25		
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	60.00	—	—	.75	NRBS - 48	56.50	—	—	—	—	—	7.00		
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	64.00	58.20	60.13	36.00										
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	—	10.00										

EIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	04/30/07	04/23/07	05/01/06
PACIFIC COAST	23	23	80
LOS ANGELES	18	18	76

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** MAY 07, 2007

The market is steady on all sizes. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is moderate.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MOSTLY**

EXTRA LARGE	116.86
LARGE	114.86
MEDIUM	104.86
SMALL	74.00

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS** MAY 07, 2007

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	229 - 261	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 - 158	130 - 134
Large doz.	224 - 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 - 149	125 - 128

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Egg Quality Control**

Out Of State Eggs - State Compilation

**Report Period: 04/29/2006 - 05/05/2007**

<b>State</b>	<b>Number Cases Shipped To Northern CA</b>	<b>Number Cases Shipped To Central CA</b>	<b>Number Cases Shipped To Southern CA</b>	<b>Total State</b>
Arizona	0	0	1,863	1,863
Colorado	0	0	1,494	1,494
Illinois	0	0	616	616
Iowa	3,040	3,100	62,579	68,719
Michigan	0	800	4,080	4,880
Minnesota	3,118	1,710	9,019	13,847
Missouri	4,800	1,500	8,703	15,003
Nevada	0	0	720	720
North Carolina	2,130	0	2,340	4,470
Ohio	0	0	4,710	4,710
Oregon	2,058	0	810	2,868
Texas	0	0	1,933	1,933
Utah	1,320	4,410	8,328	14,058
Wisconsin	0	0	4,842	4,842
<b>Grand Total</b>	16,466	11,520	112,037	140,023
<b>SHIPPED TO MILITARY</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>SHIPPED TO NON-MILITARY</b>	16,466	11,520	112,037	140,023